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January 1984 - Bristol, Avon

A direct action group calling itself "Bristol Anarchists Against Animal Exploitation" sprayed the word 'Murder' across the front of a Westbury Park butchers' shop. The group responsible told the local press in a note that it was "launching a small but concentrated campaign to cause as much financial havoc as possible to selected businesses which exploit animals in Bristol".

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Early January 1984 - Bould, Bruern Abbey, Kingham, Oxford.

ALF activists raided Bould Farm owned by Gordon Smith. This farm breeds foxes for the fur trade and Smith admits one coat "needs many skins" and one pelt is valued at £50. The cages are only 8' x 2' x 2' and are fully exposed on the sides to rain, etc;. ALF activists successfully removed thirty artic blue foxes.
Smith told the 'Oxford Mail' that this was the first ALF raid but he was "expecting more".

Early January 1984 - Bury Green, Herts

A van used for pest control(ie the murder by painful method of rats,mice, etc;) damaged by ALF activists who smashed windscreen and side window with a hammer.

January 9th-11th 1984 - Macclesfield

ALF activists damaged five butchers shops in Macclesfield. The damage included the daubing of "A.L.F." and "Meat Means Murder" on their walls.

Mid January 1984 - Markham,Toronto, Canada.

ALF activists did about £600 worth of damage to Elizabeth Fur Shop by smashing window. The shop was also advertising a rodeo using animals. The ALF delivered a statement to a local newspaper stating the action was "a warning against all those who abuse animals and exploit them for profit". The action was in protest against the fur trade and the use of animals in so-called 'entertainment'.

January 20th 1984 -Gelligaer,South Wales.

ALF activists successfully damaged premises belonging to Welsh Valley Eggs; an intensive poultry farm that has at least 80,000 hens imprisoned in filthy conditions.

23rd January 1984 - Bridgwater, Somerset.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front raided Dunwear Poultry farm in Fiddington and rescued sixteen hens from the intensive conditions there. All hens are now in good homes. Documents were also removed which revealed the extent of cruelty at the farm. Removal of these will also cause difficulties for farm

January 23rd 1984 - Ipswich, Suffolk.

ALF activists successfully caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to furs in a fur shop during the night. This action was taken to protest against the use of animals for fur clothing.

January 26th 1984 - Todds Green, Stevenage, Herts.

ALF activists caused over £5000 worth of damage in five battery sheds at the Shangri-La poultry Farm.
The cages in the sheds were empty as the owner was preparing to restock them with more hens. The damage was caused by damaging the cages themselves and the conveyor belt system.

January 27th 1984 - Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ALF activists attacked the premises of Rosemead Kennels in Pynest Green Lane, Waltham Abbey which breeds rabbits for food and cruel laboratory experiments. The activists damaged the property and the owner of the kennels, Mrs Webster told the local press"she now feared the raiders would be back.....".

January 28th 1984 - Lea Marston, West Midlands.

A group of Animal Rights activists entered Cocksparrow Farm and removed two empty cages to be used for imprisoning foxes. This 'farm' has been the subject of recent raids and demonstrations which have exposed the cruelty there .

January 29th 1984 - Harrogate.

ALF activists smashed the window of Whitehead and Son fur shop in Montpelier Parade. Press estimate of damage is £400.

February 1st 1984 - Glasgow, Scotland

ALF activists began an intensive campaign against businesses linked with animal cruelty in the Glasgow area. On the night of February 1st, seven fur shops had slogans such as 'fur means death' and 'stop the bloody fur trade' painted on their walls and doors in red paint. Four butchers' shops were daubed with slogans including 'meat is murder' and 'A.L.F.'. Two 'petshops' known for selling animals such as monkeys, raccoons, etc; to anyone who cares to buy them and keeping them in filthy conditions prior to sale, were daubed 'Free caged animals' and similiar.
A 'county sports' shop was daubed 'Ban bloodsports' and 'ALF'. The activists damaged the locks with tacks and superglue in all the attacks listed above.
The final attack came when the activists sprayed red paint over the walls of the Canadian Consulate in protest against the killing of 400 wolves.The killing is to be done from low-flying aircraft to deliberately increase the number of deer,moose,elk,etc; to be killed for 'sport'. The walls were daubed with slogans including 'Stop the slaughter','Canada kills wolves' and 'ALF'.
The ALF group responsible promised this 'is only the start.....'

February 1st 1984 - Colney Heath, Hertfordshire

ALF activists successfully set fire to the offices of Gilbertson and Page Ltd in Roestock Lane who sell snares and traps which are used for killing wild animals who die slow agonising deaths. The activists destroyed equipment that would not burn in the annexe to the office and then started the fire which destroyed the offices. A valuable Daimler belonging to the company was also damaged by the activists. The total damaged totalled many tens of thousands of pounds. The Company also produces a magazine entitled 'Gamekeeper & Countryside' that deals with the cruel killing and persecution of wild animals in their own habitat. A member of the group responsible for the attack contacted a local newspaper giving the reasons for the attack, also warning there would be more attacks of a similiar kind. Before the fire was started the activists thoroughly checked the building to ensure there were no humans or animals inside who would be harmed.

February 1st 1984 - Piddington, Northants.

ALF activists raided the Golden Lay battery unit and rescued ten hens from the intensive conditions there. Damage was also done to the farm machinery. The hens are now in good homes and living in free range conditions.

February 2nd 1984 - Gloucester, Glos.

Activists daubed the walls of Gloucester cattle market with slogans such as "Factory Farming - Out" "Meat Is Murder", etc;. The Market Superintendant admitted it would cost money to remove the slogans.

February 4th 1984 - Derby, Derbyshire.

ALF activists severely damaged George Rose furriers in Derby. The activists daubed anti-fur trade slogans in red paint on the front of the shop. The local press reported "The shop has been a regular target....Mr Rose had no comment to make.....". The action was a protest against the very cruel imprisonment and killing of animals necessary for the fur trade to continue.

February 4th 1984 - Little Eaton, Derbyshire.

ALF activists attacked the premises of Analytical Supplies which manufactures equipment for vivisection laboratories. Damage successfully done by the activists included windows broken, instruments on show destroyed, a new Mercedes-Benz damaged through soil and stones being put in the fuel tank and the headlamps smashed and the premises being painted with anti-cruelty slogans. The firms's van was also daubed with slogans. The local press reported the raid as"the most serious attack" done to date.A member of the ALF telephoned the Press and warned that this attack and another attack on a Derby furriers the same night were "the beginning of a 'blitz' in the Derby area". The total damage amounted to £13,000.

February 4th/5th 1984 - Bristol, Avon.

An Animal Rights group, calling themselves'Bristol Anarchists Against Animal Exploitation' struck again for the second time in 1984 in Bristol when they damaged Monks' Park School in Horfield. The action was taken due to the imprisonment and killing of animals inside the school. The headmaster of the school admitted to the local Press, animals were killed at the school for A-level examinations.

February 6th 1984 - Hornsey, North London.

ALF activists glued up the locks of three shops selling ritually-slaughtered meat in protest against the terrible cruelty and suffering experienced by animals being killed by this method. The shops were delayed from opening for quite some time. One of the owners admitted to the local Press "We sell halal meat which means cutting the throat with a knife - they say a prayer before they do it. We let the blood out rather than keep it in....". One of the shop customers stated to the Press "It's cruel but I don't mind - there's no substitute for meat.....".

February 7th 1984 - Highgate Village, London, N6.

ALF activists smashed the doors and windows of Julia fur shop in Highgate Village, London by using a catapult. This action was done to cause financial loss to the owners who through the sale of furs directly assist and pay for animal cruelty and slaughter.

February 7th 1984 - Brackley, Northants.

During a demonstration outside Faccenda poultry slaughterhouse, at which fourty demonstrators tried to stop lorries leaving the premises, at least four chickens were rescued from the crates on the lorries. One person was arrested. In 1982, this slaughterhouse was attacked by the ALF and damage was done to fifteen lorries there.

February 7th 1984 - Bromley, Kent.

ALF activists raided Bromley College of Technology and rescued 52 rats from there. The raid took some 2 hours as three doors had to be crowbarred open. The rats were due to be experimented upon and were owned by the notorious firm of animal torturers, Wellcome Laboratories of Beckenham, Kent. All rats are now in good homes.

February 7th 1984 - Stockwell, London

At midnight, members of the Animal Liberation Front smashed the plate glass window of John Manson butchers' in Stockwell Rd, Stockwell, London, SW9. This was a protest against the cruelty involved in the rearing and killing animals for food.

February 8th 1984 - Romford, Essex.

ALF activists successfully wrecked the car belonging to the 'Terrier man' of the Essex Hunt. This action was taken as a protest against (i)the cruelty involved in hunting (ii)the violence used by the Hunt against hunt saboteurs.

February 12th 1984 - Omagh, Northern Ireland.

Animal Rights activists damaged traps left to catch wild foxes. This action was taken as a protest against the cruelty and suffering involved in trapping wild animals .

February 13th 1984 - West Norwood, South London

Members of the ALF smashed the plate glass windows of three butchers shops in West Norwood. The three shops belonged to John Manson United Meats, Gunns Fisheries. The action was carried out because of the suffering and misery caused to animals through the "meat trade".

February 19th - Swanley, Kent.

ALF activists blocked up the locks of Dewhurst and Waby's butchers shops in the Swanley shopping precinct. This action was taken as part of the continuing campaign against the 'animals for food' trade.

February 19th/23rd 1984 - Liverpool

On 19th February, ALF activists smashed the window of a butchers(with a full house brick) and sprayed a meat packers' premises with anti-meat slogans in red paint. On 23rd February, ALF activists again went into action against the meat trade by smashing two butchers' shops and daubing anti-meat slogans on them.

February 21st 1984 - Bath, Avon.

Two Animal Rights activists who took direct action against butchers and frozen meat shops in Bath last year appeared before Bath Magistrates being charged with criminal damage.
The Court was advised that nearly £500 worth of damage had been done by the two activists. David Watts of Bath and Christopher Palmer of Bath also had their cases adjourned for four weeks.

Late February 1984 - North London.

Members of the ALF smashed the windows of H J West & Son butchers in Wood Green. This was the second attack by the ALF on this particular butchers .

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